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SUBJ: DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS IN THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES

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SUMMARY: USCINCEUR HAS INDICATED, THROUGH STAFF OFFICERS CALLS TO CHIEF MAAG THAT HE IS WILLING TO SUPPORT COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED BY REFERENCE. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL, SPECIFIC OFFERS CAN BE MADE TO PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES AT AN EARLY DATE. END SUMMARY.

1. USCINCEUR BY MEANS OF TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ELEMENTS OF HIS STAFF TO CHIEF MAAG IN LISBON HAS INDICATED THAT HE IS WILLING TO SUPPORT OBSERVER TYPE TRAINING OF THE TYPE CONTEMPLATED BY REFERENCE. THIS TRAINING WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ONGOING MAP.

2. TIMING IS OBVIOUSLY DEPENDENT ON POLITICAL SITUATION. ALSO ORGANIZATIONAL CONFUSION WITHIN ARMED FORCES MEANS MORE THAN NORMAL DELAYS AMY BE ENCOUNTERED IN DEVELOPMENG SPECIFIC TOURS. BUT WE EXPECT WE COULD BEGIN VISITS WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS.

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3. USE OF USAF AIRCRAFT FOR TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE HELPFUL

ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE A BONUS IN ALSO USING SOME PORTUGUESE
AF AIRCRAFT.

4. THE FOLLOWING BY SERVICE IS SOME OF THE TYPE TRAINING
THAT IS BELIEVED WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL:

(A) PORTUGUESE ARMY:

- (1) VISITS TO BN & CO SIZED UNITS UNDERGOING COMBINED
ARMS TRAINING IN SEVENTH ARMY MAJOR TRAINING AREAS TO
DEMONSTRATE THE PROFESSIONALISM REQUIRED BY EACH MEMBER OF
THE TEAM TO SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATE THE COMBAT POWER ORGANIC
TO AND AVAILABLE TO THESE UNITS.
- (2) VISITS TO DIVISION NCO OR SIMILAR TYPE ACADEMIES
TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONCEPTS AND METHODS USED TO DEVELOP LEADER-
SHIP QUALITIES IN YOUNG POTENTIAL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.
- (3) VISITS TO COMPANY SIZED UNITS IN GARRISON TO
DEMONSTRATE THE TYPICAL DAY-TO-DAY LIFE OF THE U.S. SOLDIER
IN THE LOCAL TRAINING AREAS, UNIT CLASSROOMS, MAINTENANCE OF
MATERIEL, DAYROOMS, UNIT MESSES, SPORTS AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES
AND OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST.
- (4) IF POSSIBLE VISIT THE SISTER GERMAN ARMY UNIT OF
A U.S. UNIT TO SHOW THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP
EXHIBITED, WHICH ARE VITAL TO THE NATO CONCEPT.
- (5) VISITS TO COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS AND
FACILITIES TO DEMONSTRATE BACKUP REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN COMBAT
READINESS.
- (6) VIEW TRAINING AND FIRING DEMONSTRATIONS OF REDEYE,
TOW AND LAW WEAPONS.

B. PORTUGUESE NAVY:

- (1) AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS (NAVY AND MARINE CORPS)
- (A) SUBSEQUENT TROOP MANEUVERS ASHORE (MARINE CORPS)
- (2) UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT (NAVY)
- (3) ANY FUTURE US MARINE CORPS EXERCISES IN EUROPE

C. PORTUGUESE AIRFORCE:

- (1) AN AIR DEFENSE AND/OR GROUND TROOP SUPPORT
EXERCISE AND/OR BASES SUPPORTING THESE ACTIVITIES.
- (2) A MANUAL RADAR GROUND/CONTROL INTERCEPT (GCI) SITE
AND A MANUAL CONTROL CENTER.
- (3) FIGHTER AND HC-130 RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS AND AIRCRAFT

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MAINTENANCE FACILITIES WITH EMPHASIS ON MAINTENANCE.

- (4) US ARMY AIRBORNE UNIT OR US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES
UNIT (THE PORTUGUESE PARAQUEDISTAS (PARATROOPS) ARE IN THE
PAF AND HAVE A MISSION SIMILAR TO THAT OF US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES).

5. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE
MISSION ACCOMPANY THESE TOURS WHEN POSSIBLE.

6. THE SITUATION OF INDISCIPLINE WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES
HERE IS SO CENTRAL TO THE POLITICAL PROBLEM THAT IT IS BELIEVED
THAT ANY POSSIBLE EFFORT THAT MAY HELP THIS SITUATION
SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED.
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